

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application, amendments have been made in the claims, and each of the rejections set forth in the Office Action has been carefully considered. The claims as presented are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-6 were previously pending in this application. Claims 1 and 6 are amended herein. No claims are added or canceled. As a result, claims 1-6 remain pending for examination, with claims 1 and 6 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Each of independent claims 1 and 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as purportedly being anticipated by Japanese Patent No. 06083296 to Aoyanagi ("Aoyanagi"). Each of independent claims 1 and 6 is amended herein, and each patentably distinguishes over Aoyanagi.

Each of independent claims 1 and 6 includes limitations directed to modifying a display mode of information presented in an image display when vibration of not smaller than a predetermined level produced on the image display sustains over a first duration of time not shorter than a first predetermined duration, and output of a detection output signal sustains over a second duration of time not shorter than a second predetermined duration. The first duration of time and the second duration of time are at least partially coincident.

The Office Action relies upon ¶[0008] of Aoyanagi to satisfy the limitations directed to a vibration of not smaller than a predetermined level on an image display sustaining over a first duration of time not shorter than a first predetermined duration, and output of a detection output signal sustaining over a second duration of time not shorter than a second predetermined duration. In ¶[0008], Aoyanagi discloses performing a calculation to determine an amount of displacement by comparing image frame position on a frame-by-frame basis (¶[0008]).

Without acceding to the propriety of the rejection, each of independent claims 1 and 6 is amended herein to even more clearly distinguish over Aoyanagi. Specifically, each is amended to

require that a first duration of time, during which a vibration of not smaller than a predetermined level produced on the image display is sustained, is at least partially coincident with a second duration of time during which output of a detection output signal is sustained. Aoyanagi fails to satisfy this limitation, as Aoyanagi discloses that displacement is calculated by comparing the position of discrete image frames presented sequentially, so that a first duration of time during which a first frame is measured and a second duration of time during which a second frame is measured is not at least partially coincident, as required by each of claims 1 and 6.

As a result, each of independent claims 1 and 6 patentably distinguishes over Aoyanagi, such that the rejection of these claims, and of claims 2-5 which depend from claim 1, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as purportedly being anticipated by Aoyanagi should be withdrawn.

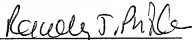
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's representative at the telephone number indicated below to discuss any outstanding issues relating to the allowability of the application.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. S1459.70115US00.

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